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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

As a consumer, it's essential that there is broadband competition. Without it I wouldn't have the options I currently have. Small ISPs have consistently shown that, with an equal playing field, they can offer the level of internet access I need, at a price I can afford, AND great customer service. The big companies that want to dismantle critical components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act would hurt consumers like me, reducing choices and increasing prices. Access to the internet is increasingly vital in today's world. I expect the FCC to protect consumers, not cater to large telecom companies.

Instead of trying to throttle small ISPs to eliminate the competition, these large companies should try doing what the small ISPs do -- provide excellent customer service and affordable prices.

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